

CHILDREN'S BAPTISM WORKBOOK



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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

This workbook has been written to help you determine if your child has received Jesus and is ready to be baptized. In order for it to be profitable for your child, we encourage you to allow them to do the work themselves, realizing however, that younger children may need to be coached a little. Try to be available to answer questions, but PLEASE, allow them the joy of discovering these important Bible truths for themselves.

1. Ask your child if he/she has received Jesus. Any response should be a beginning for discussion.
2. Your child should understand why he/she wants to be baptized. If he/she does not, then it would be wise to wait awhile. The experience of obedience by baptism must be to the Lord and not because relatives have been baptized, because it looks fun, or because the child has been told that he/she should do this. It may be best to encourage them to observe one baptism before they are baptized.
3. Parents are asked to grade the fill-in sections and the final quiz. Go over incorrect answers and be sure your child understands the issues involved. The quiz answers are at the bottom of this page.
4. Remembering the special time of receiving Jesus as Savior and Lord is an important thing for children. It might prove quite valuable to interview your child and record it on video. You can prepare them prior to starting the interview, but once you start you should avoid any temptation to prompt. A minute or two of recorded conversation at a young age may be helpful to reinforce these truths during turbulent years later in life.

Here are some questions you might want to ask during the interview:

Is Jesus in your life?	How do you know Jesus is in your life?
When did it happen?	Where did it happen?
How did it happen?	Who was there?
Why do you want to be baptized?	What does it mean to be baptized?

Quiz Answers

1.D 2.B 3.D 4.B 5.T 6.T 7.T 8.T 9.F

TOPICS:

Why do people get baptized?

Who can be baptized?

How is a person baptized?

Are you ready to be baptized?

WHY DO PEOPLE GET BAPTIZED?

People get baptized to tell others they have joined God's family.

"Then those people who accepted what Peter said (about Jesus) were baptized" (Acts 2:41).

"Paul explained to them about believing in Jesus. Then they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 19:5)

Most of us can remember at least one special Christmas when we received a certain gift we had hoped so much for. It was exciting to open that one gift of love. We could hardly wait to tell others about what we had received. What is one special gift that you received for your last birthday or Christmas?

My special gift was _____
Who did you tell about your gift _____

And just like opening that special gift you received at Christmas, there is excitement when Christ comes into our lives bringing His special gift of eternal life. It is so special that we will want to tell others about it.

"... God gives us a free gift-life forever in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

Baptism is a special way of showing your family and church that Jesus is in your life and you are a member of His family.

**People get baptized to show they are doing what
Jesus wants them to do.**

Jesus said, "So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything that I have told you" (Matthew 28:19:20).

Jesus also said, *"You are My friends if you do what I command you"* (John 15:14)

Why should we obey Jesus? _____

WHO CAN BE BAPTIZED?

“An angel of the Lord spoke to Philip. The angel said, ‘Get ready and go South. Go to the road that leads down to Gaza from Jerusalem-the desert road.’ So Philip got ready and went. On the road he saw a man from Ethiopia, a eunuch. He was an important officer in the service of Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians. He was responsible for taking care all her money. He had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and now he was on his way home. He was sitting in his chariot and reading from the book of Isaiah, the prophet.

Philip asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ He answered, ‘How can I understand? I need someone to explain it to me!’ Then he invited Philip to climb in and sit with him. Philip began to speak. He started with this same Scripture and told the man the Good News about Jesus.

While they were traveling down the road, they came to some water. The officer said, ‘Look! Here is water! What is stopping me from being baptized?’ Philip answered, ‘If you believe with all your heart, you can.’ The officer said ‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.’ Then the officer commanded the chariot to stop. Both Philip and the officer went down into the water, and Philip baptized him” (Acts 8:26-28,30-31,35-38).



CIRCLE THE RIGHT ANSWER FROM THE STORY ABOUT PHILIP AND THE eunuch.

- 1. What the eunuch was sitting in is called a...**
 - a. Boat
 - b. Wagon
 - c. Chariot
 - d. Truck

- 2. What did Philip do to the eunuch?**
 - a. Healed him
 - b. Prayed for him
 - c. Shot arrows with him
 - d. Baptized him

- 3. From what book of the Bible was the eunuch reading from?**
 - a. Genesis
 - b. Isaiah
 - c. Matthew
 - d. Philippians

- 4. The direction Philip went on the road was**
 - a. North
 - b. South
 - c. East
 - d. West

- 5. What did Philip tell the eunuch he must do before he could be baptized?**
 - a. Believe
 - b. Obey his parents
 - c. Read his bible
 - d. Go to church

- 6. Give the name of the man who baptized the Ethiopian's eunuch.**
 - a. John
 - b. Jim
 - c. Philip
 - d. Tom

- 7. Who was the boss of the eunuch?**
 - a. Philip
 - b. Isaiah
 - c. The angel
 - d. Candace

THE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS WERE BAPTIZED AFTER THEY JOINED GOD'S FAMILY.

When you invite Jesus into your life, you are joining God's family. Once you are a member of God's family, you can be baptized.

"...Some people did accept Jesus. They believed in him. To them he gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12).

"Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we did!" (Acts 10:47).

Have you joined God's family and invited Jesus into your life?

___ YES, I have already joined God's family.

___ NO, I have not joined God's family.

Would you like to join God's family now?

You can invite Jesus into your life and join God's family right now by praying a prayer like this.

"Dear Jesus, Thank you for loving me enough to die on the cross to pay for my sin. I know I do wrong things. Please forgive me for all the wrong things that I've done. I receive your gift of forgiveness. Help me to choose to do what you want me to do. Thank you for making me your child, and a member of your family. Amen"

HOW IS A PERSON BAPTIZED?

A person is baptized in water.

The word “BAPTIZE”, means “to put in the water.” And that’s just what Philip did to the man from Ethiopia...he put him in the water and baptized him in a river. When you are baptized, you will be in the water too. At Southwinds, we normally baptize in a swimming pool.

A person is baptized by someone else.

The apostle Paul “...baptized the family of Stephanas..” (1 Corinthians 1:16).

“Philip baptized him,” the officer from Ethiopia (Acts 8:38).

You can’t baptize yourself and machines don’t baptize people. Philip baptized the man from Ethiopia, and you’ll be baptized by a Pastor or leader from the church.

A person is baptized when other people are watching

“Then those people who accepted what Peter said (about Jesus) were baptized. About 3,000 people..” (Acts 2:41).

A person is baptized in the name of the Father, the Son (that’s Jesus), and the Holy Spirit

“So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19)

You will be baptized in special honor of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

BAPTISM QUIZ

Answer the questions as best you can without help from anyone.

Place the letter of the correct answer in the space provided.

You can look back in the workbook for answers.

Being baptized is _____

- (A) something all children do.
- (B) only for children whose parents go to church.
- (C) for children who like hamburgers.
- (D) for anyone who has Jesus in his life.

Baptism means _____

- (A) like when my Sunday School teacher is speaking.
- (B) a special event when someone is put under the water.
- (C) to pay for a friend.

Jesus said that people should be baptized _____

- (A) to be saved.
- (B) to get lots of money.
- (C) to go to heaven.
- (D) to show others that Jesus is in their life.

Jesus will come into a person's life _____

- (A) when a person goes to church.
- (B) when the person asks Jesus to come into his life.
- (C) when the person reads the Bible.

True/False (write your answer in the space provided)

- _____ People are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
- _____ One reason people get baptized is to show that their sins have been washed away
- _____ Jesus said that being baptized was important
- _____ The Bible says that a person should be baptized to show others that Jesus is in their life.
- _____ People are baptized with oil

**NOW HAVE A PARENT OR TEACHER GRADE YOUR QUIZ
ANSWERS ON FIRST PAGE**

ARE YOU READY TO BE BAPTIZED?

Place a check on each line according to the instructions.

_____ Place a check here if you have received Jesus' forgiveness.

_____ Place a check here after taking the quiz and your parent has graded it.

_____ Place a check here if you want to get baptized.

_____ Place a check here if your parent(s) say it is OK for you to be baptized.

**IF YOU WERE ABLE TO PLACE A CHECK ON EACH LINE
ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS, THEN YOU ARE
READY TO BE BAPTIZED!!**

